

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for providing ultrasound data for access with a user device, comprising:

accessing ultrasound data stored within an ultrasound system, the ultrasound data stored in an ultrasound system readable format; ~~and~~

converting the ultrasound system readable format data to a user device readable format data for export from the ultrasound system and access via a user device; and

storing the user device readable format data on a removable medium within the ultrasound system, the removable medium configured to be accessed by the user device.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended) A method in accordance with claim 2 1, wherein the user device readable format comprises at least one of JPEG, MPEG, HTML and PDF format.

4. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the user device comprises a device remote from the ultrasound system.

5. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising configuring the user device readable format data for automatic viewing upon access by a user device.

6. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising providing a user interface in combination with the exported user device readable format data accessible by the user device for viewing the user device readable format data.

7. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising providing a user interface in combination with the ultrasound system for controlling the converting, and wherein the user interface is configured to allow for selection of a source and destination for the ultrasound data, and wherein the ultrasound system readable format data is converted to the user device readable format based upon the selected destination.

8. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ultrasound data comprises at least one of ultrasound images and ultrasound image cine loops.

9. (original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the converting comprises converting the ultrasound data from a pixel format to at least one of a JPEG, MPEG, HTML and PDF format.

10. (currently amended) A method for exporting data from an ultrasound system for access with a user device, the method comprising:

displaying ultrasound data representing ultrasound images stored within an ultrasound system;

selecting at least one of the ultrasound images for exporting to an external medium;

selecting a source and destination for the at least one ultrasound image, the destination defining the external medium;

converting the at least one image to a non-DICOM format accessible by a user device; and

~~transferring the at least one ultrasound image to the external medium for access with the user device~~ storing the non-DICOM formatted image on a removable external medium using a recording device of the ultrasound system.

11. (original) A method in accordance with claim 10, wherein the converting comprises converting the at least one ultrasound image from an ultrasound system readable format to a user device readable format.

12. (original) A method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising determining the ultrasound images to transfer based upon patient information.

13. (original) A method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising searching the ultrasound data based upon a user defined search.

14. (original) A method in accordance with claim 13, wherein a plurality of fields are provided for defining the search, the plurality of fields comprising at least one of identification information, name, birthdate, age and sex.

15. (original) A method in accordance with claim 13, wherein a predetermined set of search criteria is provided to define the search.

16. (original) A method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising displaying ultrasound data representing ultrasound images transferred to the external medium.

17. (original) A method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising accessing the transferred ultrasound images using an interface provided in combination with the external medium.

18. (currently amended) A user interface for an ultrasound system comprising:

a scanner view control portion for selecting ultrasound data for converting and transferring to an external medium;

a media view control portion for viewing ultrasound data converted and transferred to ~~an~~the external medium; and

a scanner image control portion for controlling the conversion and transfer of the ultrasound data to the external medium.

19. (original) A user interface in accordance with claim 18, wherein the scanner view control portion comprises a plurality of search fields for defining a search for ultrasound data.

20. (original) A user interface in accordance with claim 18, wherein the scanner image control portion comprises a source field and a destination field to define the source of the ultrasound data and destination for the converted data.

21. (original) A user interface in accordance with claim 18, wherein the ultrasound data is converted from an ultrasound system readable format data to a user device readable format data for export from the ultrasound system and access via a user device.

22. (original) A user interface in accordance with claim 18, further comprising a selection interface in combination with the external medium to select transferred ultrasound data to access with a user device.

23. (currently amended) A medium for accessing ultrasound data stored therein, comprising:

at least one ultrasound image formatted for access by a user device, the at least one ultrasound image stored using a recording device of an ultrasound system and removable therefrom; and

an interface configured to automatically display on the user device the at least one ultrasound image when accessed by a reading device of the user device having the medium therein.

24. (original) A medium in accordance with claim 23, wherein the interface comprises a preview portion and viewing portion, the preview portion allowing a user to select ultrasound images stored on the medium and for viewing in the viewing portion.

25. (new) A method in accordance with claim 10 further comprising using one of a CD writer and a DVD writer to store the formatted image on the removable external medium.